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11TH INTERNATIONAL EXPORT CONTROL CONFERENCE: KYIV, JUNE 2010

The EXBS program and the German Federal Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA) organized the 11th International Export Control Conference in Kyiv, Ukraine on June 8-10. The year's conference brought together 250 professionals from 71 countries and 17 organizations to review and share best practices in export control and border security. For the first time, the EU co-sponsored this event, raising the bar for international cooperation on export control capacity development. The conference was also co-hosted by the Government of Ukraine.

Designed to help create a "network of nonproliferators" to combat the increasing sophistication of proliferation networks, the conference succeeded beyond expectations, with five breakout sessions facilitating networking and information exchanges.



Participants noted several major themes that cut across presentations. These included the importance of information-sharing and transparency, tailored implementation based on national circumstances, coordinated outreach and capacity-building, constant vigilance and updating of export control procedures, and treatment of export control as a universal obligation for source, user, and transit or transshipment states.

These themes provide fertile ground to continue strengthening global strategic trade controls, to strengthen the network of non-proliferators, and to tackle ongoing and emerging challenges.

Left: Conference delegates in front of the Ukrainian Diplomatic Academy.



U.S. Acting Assistant Secretary Vann Van Diepen addressing the plenary.

EXBS ADVISORS CONFERENCE: ASTANA, JUNE 2010

EXBS held its annual Program Advisor Conference in Astana, Kazakhstan on June 16-18. U.S. Ambassador Richard Hoagland hosted a reception and provided the welcome remarks, which united the 24 EXBS Advisors from various program countries.

The conference provided an opportunity for advisors to discuss current activities, relevant export control issues and best practices to strengthen border security capabilities. Topics included strengthening inter-agency coordination in the field, improving training practices and tracking equipment donations. ECC Office Director Justin Friedman discussed

ECC's vision for EXBS, emphasizing the importance of operational excellence in the field and strong leadership among the Advisors.



TDY Advisors Kevin Cummings and Larry Adkins unveiled their Basic WMD Interdiction Training Course, which will provide a basic overview of border security, threat identification, observational and inspection techniques, and

practical applications of commonly used equipment (see p. 3). The course will be introduced in Bihac, Bosnia-Herzegovina in October as part of a joint training exercise between Bosnian and Croatian Customs.

On the final day, attendees visited the Astana Regional Training Center of the World Customs Organization and the Kazakh Customs Operational Control Center.

Friedman concluded the conference by presenting the Greg Gessner Award for EXBS Program Advisor of the Year to William Comley, Program Advisor to Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.

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The Export Control and Related Border Security Program (EXBS) quarterly newsletter is published by the Office of Export Control Cooperation in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation at the U.S. Department of State.

The newsletter provides highlights of EXBS activities in the past quarter, introduction of new advisors, and highlights from EXBS posts in the field.



EXBS completed 80 bilateral, regional, and international training events during the second quarter of 2010 (April to June).
The newsletter provides highlights of select notable engagements.

TURKEY CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT IS WORKING ON THE RAILROAD...



As Turkey moves forward on its European Union accession track, it is enhancing its rail examination program on its eastern border. In late 2011, Turkey expects to go operational with a new rail x-ray system

to scan trains arriving from Iran near the Kapikoy land border gate. To assist in preparing the Turkish Customs Enforcement Directorate to meet the challenges of this new system and to share best practices on rail examination and enforcement, EXBS Ankara escorted 18 Customs officers and 2 compliance officers from Turkey's Atomic Energy Authority to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) International Rail Interdiction Training program in El Paso, Texas on May 10-14.

The delegation included Customs Enforcement Officers from land border ports where rail examinations are currently conducted, officers who will be involved in enforcement operations in Kapikoy, and representatives from Customs Enforcement's training and management staff.

The officers were highly appreciative of the training received from the CBP Officers in the classroom and enjoyed the opportunities to observe CBP officers at work in the El Paso rail yards, the cargo processing operations for truck traffic at the Ysleta Bridge, and the car and pedestrian traffic at the Bridge of the Americas.

The students had enthusiastic praise for the CBP instructional staff, and singled out Jose Velez, from CBP's Laboratory Science Services Division who kept the students fully engaged in the day long material on Weapons of Mass Destruction and Radiation Safety. The information he conveyed was acknowledged as significantly important to their everyday work in dealing with the traffic coming across Turkey's border. They also appreciated the opportunity to observe the Rail VACIS scanning device and now have a better understanding of rail car smuggling concealment methods.



EXBS SPONSORS LEGAL REGULATIONS WRITING WORKSHOP FOR MALAYSIA

EXBS sponsored a Legal Regulations Writing Workshop during May 24-26, 2010 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which was focused on the implementation of the Government of Malaysia (GOM)'s new Strategic Trade Act 2010 (Law) passed in early May.



An interagency delegation led by Kevin Wolf, Assistant Secretary for Export Administration at the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), met with the Attorney General and government ministries in

early March 2010 to discuss best practices as Malaysian experts were putting the final touches on their draft law.

The participants in the May workshop included Hillary Hess and Parvin R. Huda, of BIS; Thomas Zarzecki, of the Office of Counter proliferation Initiatives, Department of State; Anne Kramer Larson, of the Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury; Andrew Wessner, of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS); and Jeffrey Nii, Attaché for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Embassy in Singapore.

The majority of the workshop's sessions focused on a review of the GOM's draft regulations. The delegation also reviewed a draft order that contains a control list and a draft order that seeks to implement designations made pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCRs). The U.S. Government (USG) participants structured the regulations workshop around the sections of the draft regulations (e.g., definitions, permits, registration, enforcement), and discussed each section in detail. Where appropriate, they referred to the new law, suggested sample language, discussed the Export Administration Regulations (EAR)'s treatment of certain topics, and pointed to the practices of other countries.



EXBS "POST" IN FOCUS: TDY ADVISOR LARRY ADKINS

Low-Cost Training Pays Big Dividends



EXBS-trained trainers in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

For more than two years, EXBS has capitalized on its Temporary Duty (TDY) Advisors to develop and deliver expert, low-cost training on basic inspection/detection equipment, as well as interdiction techniques for border control agencies in partner countries. This equipment includes radiation pagers, radiation isotope identification devices, Buster density meters, fiberoptic scopes, laser distance meters, inspection mirrors, and probes.

Retired U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer, Larry Adkins, has been extraordinarily active in this regard. He has delivered 15 weeks of training to more than 600 Customs and Border Police officers in eight different countries (Albania, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia).

Larry's background makes him an ideal trainer – more than 32 years of experience working at land borders, airports and seaports in the United States. The majority of his training has employed a train-the-trainer approach, wherein Larry first instructs officers specifically designated by their agencies to become trainers on how to effectively utilize the equipment in a border environment. He then travels to various ports of entry (land, sea, air) with the trainers to observe, support and guide their efforts to provide effective equipment training to other border control officers.



Montenegro Trainers demonstrate using the CT 30 Kit to search a sea container and a vehicle.

In this manner, EXBS enhances the ability of front-line officers to utilize EXBS-donated equipment while supporting the development of an indigenous equipment training capability in partner country agencies.



Trainer in Kosovo demonstrates how to utilize the Exploranium GR-135 Plus RIID.

This spring, Larry spent two weeks in Bosnia-Herzegovina and instructed sixteen trainers from Customs and Border Police, then joined them in providing training to 66 fellow officers at seven different crossings along the borders with Croatia and Serbia. In Montenegro, Larry instructed 16 trainers, then supported their efforts to train 84 border control officers at seven crossings along the borders with Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia.

During late February and early March, Larry also delivered a four-hour course on Contraband Interdiction Techniques to Customs and Border Police officers at numerous border crossings

in Macedonia and Albania. The training focused on behavioral analysis, vehicle tampering indicators, interviewing techniques, and inspection skills. The training also included Larry joining the officers on in-bound lanes of the crossings for practical employment of these techniques. This course was well received by the dozens of officers who benefited from it.

Larry now is working with fellow TDY Advisor Kevin Cummings to develop a five-day WMD Interdiction Training course designed to sharpen the skills of border control officers. With fellow EXBS advisors (and former FLETC trainers) Bob Olson, Fred Fetty, and Bob Hessler providing substantive review, EXBS expects to have Larry and Kevin launch the course in Kyrgyzstan this September. After some refinement, additional deliveries will be made in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia and Albania this fall.

EXBS is extremely fortunate to have such experienced and talented border control experts on its team. EXBS plans to continue to capitalize on their expertise to develop and deliver cost-effective training that enhances the ability of border control agencies to interdict illicit trafficking in WMD-related materials, munitions, and other contraband.



Trainer in Croatia demonstrates how to calibrate the Buster.

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EXBS MIDDLE EAST PROGRAM UPDATES

Lebanon

On June 7-11, U.S. Customs and Border Protection conducted an EXBS-sponsored International Seaport Interdiction Training in Charleston, South Carolina for Lebanese customs officials. This was the first bilateral EXBS activity with Lebanon. The course introduced front line enforcement personnel to techniques for detecting and interdicting illicit transfers of controlled items in a seaport environment. Topics included inbound and outbound operations, export controls, WMD and their components, improvised explosive devices, contraband seizure, document analysis, and officer safety. The training was well-received and EXBS plans to deliver additional training and equipment to Lebanese customs in the coming years.



Above: Lebanon ISIT. Below: Oman WMD CIT.

Oman

On May 15-19, the U.S. Department of Energy's International Nonproliferation Export Control Program implemented an EXBS-funded WMD Commodity Identification Training for Royal Omani Police and Customs (ROP) officers in Muscat, Oman. The workshop familiarized customs officials with WMD-related materials and equipment, as identified by the multilateral export control regimes. The training received favorable responses and the Omani Police are ready for the next phase, which is to incorporate this training into their customs training curriculum. The EXBS program will support this process by planning a train-the-trainer seminars for ROP this fall.



ABOUT EXBS

The Export Control and Related Border Security (or "EXBS") program is the United States Government's premier initiative to help other countries develop and improve their strategic trade and related border control systems.

The EXBS program takes a regional and multilateral approach, promoting harmonization of national export control systems with international standards. The program also organizes a number of regional and international fora to bring national policymakers and technical experts together to share information and best practices.

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